



## **Qualification Criteria for players representing National Teams as approved by the WFDF Disc Golf Committee**

The World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) has always had a series of broad criteria for an individual player's ability to qualify for their national teams to participate in disc sports events. We have now established a specific set of criteria for Disc Golf.

This criteria applies to all current and future Disc Golf events directly sanctioned by WFDF including WTDGC but would also include any events recognised by WFDF through affiliated organisations or Continental Disc Golf Associations where those events are also sanctioned by WFDF.

### **The Qualification Criteria are:**

1. A player may represent a country for which they hold a national passport or National Identification Card for a country recognised by the International Olympic Committee.
2. A player may play for a country for which their parents hold a passport, national identity card or are recognised by that country to be a citizen of that country which is recognised by the International Olympic Committee.
3. A player may represent a country in which they have worked, studied or lived for a period of two years prior to the start of any specific event and where they have a registered address in a country recognised by the International Olympic Committee.
4. The country in which a player wishes to represent must be a member (in good standing) of WFDF.

**Clarification:**

The selection process for each Disc Golf Association (DGA) or National Governing Body (NGB) is determined by those DGA's or NGB's. Should they select any athlete to represent their country who they believe may need clearance or appropriate endorsements or approval from WFDF they should notify the WFDF Disc Golf Committee or Local Organising Committee (LOC) of that specific event to make sure that the athlete meets the qualifying criteria. Please see the notes below for some examples of these situations.

Should a player have dual nationality or their own country of recognition is different to their parents, then they may choose which country they wish to represent, subject to DGA and NGB's own criteria.

Once an athlete has represented a specific country at WFDF events they may not represent another country for a period of 2 (two) years from the time of the end of the previous event. They may also not re-represent any different country in consecutive events after having first represented that country. Please see an example below for clarification of this point.

EXAMPLE: As part of the WFDF and DG Committee Inclusion and Equality of Opportunity policy a player who may be eligible to represent different countries through the criteria above (dual nationality, residence, parental nationality) may choose which country to represent at a WFDF event. If the next WFDF event is more than 2 years after the end of the previous event they may choose to represent another country for which they then qualify. However, they may not then be able to represent their initial choice of country in future events for a period of 5 years from their first appearance for that country. They may qualify for other countries (for example through residency) but specifically not their original choice. So, for WTDGC, a player may be selected for USA for 2021, move to GBR and play for them in 2023 but may not represent USA again for a minimum of 5 years since their first appearance for that country (in this case 2026).

NOTE: So that athletes are not disadvantaged by previous representation, these rules will be implemented on September 1st 2020.



## **About WFDF:**

The World Flying Disc Federation (“WFDF”) is the international sports federation responsible for world governance of flying disc (frisbee) sports, including Ultimate, Beach Ultimate, Disc Golf, Freestyle, Guts, and Individual Events. WFDF is a federation of 103 member associations, which represent flying disc sports and their athletes in more than 100 countries. WFDF is an International Federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), and the International University Sports Federation (FISU), a member of the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), the Association of IOC Recognised International Sports Federations (ARISF), the International World Games Association (IWGA), the International Masters Games Association (IMGGA), and the Association for the International Sport for All (TAFISA). WFDF is a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code, and is a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation in the state of Colorado, USA.

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